

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Replace the paragraphs beginning at Page 8, line 4, and ending at Page 8, line 24, with the following paragraphs:

In order to release the locking means 12, an actuator device 20\_30 is disposed therein. The actuator device 20\_30 is operable by means of a special tool, for example an Allen key. The dimension of the Allen key which is required may be selected so that the tool can hardly be replaced by any other tool. By such means, it is ensured that the locking means 12 and, thereby, the screening off system, cannot be opened unintentionally. The actuator device 20\_30 acts on the spring 19 so that its forward region is retractable in the locking means 12.

Fig. 6 is an exploded view of the locking means 12. The view in Fig. 6 shows the opposite side of the locking means 12 compared with Fig. 5. The locking means 12 has been cut away so that only its lower half is shown. In practice, the locking means 12 is manufactured in two halves which are retrofitted. Two pins 23 are provided in the forward portion of the locking means 12 for interconnection with corresponding holes in the other half of the locking means 12.

Uppermost in Fig. 6, there is shown the spring 19 included in the locking means 12. Its rear end 28 has a hook-like configuration for fixing of the spring 19 in the locking means 12. Its forward end has a catch 29 for cooperation with the actuator device 20\_30.

The actuator device 20\_30 includes a rotary excenter or sleeve ~~30~~ with a projection or a vane 21. The vane 21 is disposed for direct contact with the catch 29 and to draw this inwards when the excenter or sleeve ~~30~~ is rotated.

Replace the paragraph at Page 8, lines 30-34, with the following paragraph:

The excenter or sleeve 30 is disposed centrally in the locking means 12 so that it is externally rotary as a part of the actuator device ~~20~~ 30. The post 1 is advantageously provided with holes on its side turned to face away from the observer of Fig. 1, and the locking means 12 is provided in a corresponding manner with rear holes for access of the actuator device ~~20~~ 30. It is thus possible to open the screening system from its inside as well.

Replace the paragraph at Page 9, lines 13-16, with the following paragraph:

Another method of modifying the present invention is to place the actuator device ~~20~~ 30 outside the locking means 12, i.e. somewhere in the carrier element 1. In this embodiment, actuation of the spring is preferably put into effect in that this is urged inwards towards the locking means rather than being subjected to inward tractive forces.